

PĀNUI TAKUTAI MOANA

June 2022 - Information for applicants

Tēnā koutou katoa, Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki, Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi, Mānawa maiea te matahi o te tau. Ngā mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou. Mānawatia a Matariki. Pānui Takutai Moana provides you with the latest updates and developments that will help you with your application under the Takutai Moana Act 2011.

Funding Changes

We are very pleased to let you know that Cabinet has agreed that we can make changes to the takutai moana financial assistance scheme (the scheme). The changes are being made because of the feedback you gave us during our review of the scheme, what you have told us about how you use the current scheme, and the findings and recommendations of the Waitangi Tribunal during stage I of its Wai 2660 kaupapa inquiry into the Takutai Moana Act 2011.

Making funding fairer, simpler and more transparent

The changes to the scheme will make it work better for you by making it fairer, simpler and more transparent. Changes will:

- improve the structure of the scheme (eg by replacing the milestones and tasks with the activities that reflect the work needed to progress an application);
- better ensure the costs of progressing an application are met (eg, by removing the complexity levels associated with (UFLs) upper funding limits);
- increase funding for court proceedings to reflect the costs of being in the High Court and appeals;
- enable funding can be paid in advance in some circumstances.

What happens next

We have some work to do to make sure the right processes and procedures are in place for the new scheme. We want to get this right, so that you can focus on the work needed to progress your application rather than funding. We need some time to do this and are working on getting all the changes made to the scheme before the end of October this year.

We will be asking for your input on some of these things over the next couple of months and preparing detailed guidance for you to help once everything is ready to go. Look out for more pānui from us in the near future.

Where we can make some changes earlier, we will do so. Until then, keep using the scheme as you do now, and we let you know when changes are happening. If you have any questions about your funding, you can contact the funding team on fundingtakutai@tearawhiti.govt.nz.

Haere rā Libby

On 23 June we farewelled our Takutai Moana Director, Libby Masterton. During Libby's time at Te Arawhiti she has challenged us to consider how we can change our approach to be a better Treaty partner, working in a way that best supports you through the process of having your rights recognised. As a result we now have the new takutai moana engagement strategy, which seeks to work in partnership with you using mana enhancing and applicant led processes. In addition, Libby has supported us to take the time to develop the changes needed to the financial assistance scheme and pushed us to be flexible and adaptable in our approach.

Libby is leaving Aotearoa to spend some time in Europe competing in ultra-marathon running events before moving to Central Otago.

We will let you know who is stepping into the role of Director once we have that confirmed. In the meantime, Fern Hyatt one of our other Directors at Te Arawhiti has agreed to take on the role. Welcome Fern, and haere rā Libby.

HOW TO CONTACT US

For any queries about this pānui please contact us at takutaimoana@tearawhiti.govt.nz.